

2019 Candidate Qualifying Guide



**SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
5440 FULTON INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30336
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(Prepared by the Election Superintendent of South Fulton, Georgia)



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Terms of Office:

- The mayor shall be limited to serving three full consecutive four-year terms of office.
- Councilmembers shall be limited to serving three full consecutive terms of office.
- The mayor and councilmembers shall take office on the first day of January immediately following their election for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.
- The term of office shall begin on January 1, 2020 and end on December 31, 2023.
- All municipal elections shall be nonpartisan and without primaries.



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Public Notice of Qualifying Fees

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)(1), the following qualifying fees were set by the City of South Fulton, Georgia in their January 8, 2019 meeting:

City Councilmember, District 1	\$ 390.00
City Councilmember, District 3	\$ 390.00
City Councilmember, District 5	\$ 390.00
City Councilmember, District 7	\$ 390.00

Public Notice of Qualifying Period

Qualifying for the offices listed above will begin at 8:30 A.M. on the third Monday, August 19, 2019, immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on Friday, August 23, 2019. The place of qualifying shall be City Hall for the City of South Fulton, 5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd. SW, Atlanta, GA 30336. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132

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Candidate Eligibility: (Pursuant to the City Charter)

- No person shall be eligible to serve as mayor or councilmember unless that person shall have been a resident of the area comprising the City of South Fulton for 12 months immediately preceding the election of mayor or councilmember.
- Shall have attained the age of 21 years prior to the date of qualifying.
- In the case of councilmembers, shall have been a resident of the district from which he or she seeks election for six months at the time of qualifying for election.
- Each such person shall continue to reside within the city and, in the case of councilmembers, with the district from which he or she was elected during said period of service.
- Shall be registered and qualified to vote in municipal elections of this city.
- No person's name shall be listed as a candidate on the ballot for election for either mayor or councilmember unless such person shall file a written notice with the clerk of said city that such person desires his or her name to be placed on said ballot as a candidate either for mayor or councilmember.
- No person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember unless such person shall file said notice within the time provided for in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the "Georgia Election Code." (per the City Charter)
- No person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember who is a convicted felon involving moral turpitude without rights restored as provided in Article II, Section II, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution.
- No person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember who is a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal, or school system taxes as provided in Article II, Section II, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution.
- No person shall be eligible for the office of mayor or councilmember who is the holder of public funds illegally as provided in Article II, Section II, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution.



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I hereby attest that I meet all of the above eligibility requirements, and hereby provide notice with the clerk of said city of my desire to be placed on said ballot (November 5, 2019), as a candidate for mayor or councilmember on _____, 2019.

As a valid photo ID, I am submitting a copy of my _____
_____.

Candidate's Signature

Notary:

My Commission Expires on _____, _____



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Required Documents:

Date

- ☐ _____ Electronic Filing System (PIN) – file with Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission.
- ☐ _____ Registration Form for a Candidate's Campaign Committee (RC) – file with Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission.
- ☐ _____ Declaration of Intent (DOI) – file with local City filing officer before accepting campaign funds.
- ☐ _____ Notice of Candidacy & Affidavit – file with local City filing officer
- ☐ _____ Exemption Affidavit Not to Exceed \$2,500. – file with local City filing officer if candidate does not plan to spend or receive over \$2,500.
- ☐ _____ Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report (CCDR) – file with local City filing officer if spending or receiving more than \$2,500, as listed in the filing schedule.
- ☐ _____ Personal Financial Disclosure Report (PFDS) – due to local City filing officer within 15 days of qualifying.
- ☐ _____ Valid Photo I.D. – present to local City filing officer
- ☐ _____ Payment – submitted to local City filing officer
 - Cashier's or Certified Check, Credit Card or Money Order
 - Payable to "City of South Fulton, Georgia"

All State Forms available here:

- Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit:
http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/information_for_candidates
- <http://ethics.ga.gov/formsreportspublications/>



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Calendar: 2019 State Elections & Voter Registration

Elections	Voter Registration Deadline	Election Date
Special Election Date	February 19, 2019	March 19, 2019
Special Election Runoff Date	February 19, 2019	April 16, 2019
Special Election Date	May 20, 2019	June 18, 2019
Special Election Runoff Date	May 20, 2019	July 16, 2019
Special Election Date	August 19, 2019	September 17, 2019
Special Election Runoff Date	August 19, 2019	October 15, 2019
General Election/Special Election Runoff Date	October 7, 2019	November 5, 2019
General Election/Special Election Runoff Date	October 7, 2019	December 3, 2019

Key Dates

January 4, 2019	Deadline to mail or issue absentee ballots for Federal Runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)
January 8, 2019	Date of Federal Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-501(a)(3)
February 1, 2019	Last day to fix and publish qualifying fees for offices to be filled during the 2019 Election Cycle. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131(a)(1)(A)
February 19, 2019	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the March Special Election and Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(b)(2) *February 18th is a Federal Holiday*
February 25, 2019	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the March Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
February 25, 2019	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for March the Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(A)
March 15, 2019	Last day for a registrar to issue absentee ballots for the March Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
April 12, 2019	Last day for a registrar to issue absentee ballots for the April Special Election Runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
May 9, 2019	Earliest day to apply for an absentee ballot for November General Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(a)(1)(A)
May 20, 2019	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the June Special Election and Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(b)(2)
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day Holiday (State is Closed)
May 28, 2019	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the June Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2) *May 27th is a Federal Holiday*



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May 28, 2019	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the June Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(A) *May 27th is a Federal Holiday*
June 14, 2019	Last day for a registrar to issue absentee ballots for the June Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
July 4, 2019	Independence Day Holiday (State is Closed)
July 12, 2019	Last day for a registrar to issue absentee ballots for the July Special Election Runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
August 19, 2019	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the September Special Election and Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(b)(2)
August 26, 2019	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the September Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
August 26, 2019	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the September Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)(A)
September 13, 2019	Last day for a registrar to issue absentee ballots for the September Special Election Runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
October 7, 2019	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the November General Election and Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(a)
October 11, 2019	Last day for a registrar to issue absentee ballots for the October Special Election Runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
October 14, 2019	Columbus Day Holiday (State is Closed)
October 15, 2019	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the November General/Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
October 15, 2019	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the November General Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)
November 1, 2019	Last day for a registrar to issue absentee ballots for the November General Election and Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(2)
As soon as possible	Absentee ballots shall be mailed out as soon as possible prior to the General Election Runoff for Local and State Offices. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384 (a) Advanced (In-Person) Voting begins for the General Election Runoff for Local and State Offices. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)

**O.C.G.A. § 21-2-14. When the last day for the exercise of any privilege or discharge of any duty prescribed or required by this chapter shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next succeeding business day shall be the last day for the exercise of such privilege or the discharge of such duty.*